



# **Edward W. Ross**

## **Principal Director**

### **Security Cooperation Operations**

## **Defense Security Cooperation Agency**



Mr. Ross was appointed Principal Director, Security Cooperation Operations on July 1, 2005. He has served as a Senior Executive in the former Defense Security Assistance Agency and the Defense Security Cooperation agency since June 1994.

From January 1993 to May 1994, Mr. Ross served concurrently as Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Affairs and Acting Director, Defense POW/MIA Office (DPMO). From June 1992 to January 1993, he served as Director, Office of POW/MIA Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs (ASD/ISA).

From January 1984 to May 1992, Mr. Ross served as the Senior Country Director for China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Mongolia, Office of the ASD/ISA. In this capacity he was a principal advisor the Department of Defense leadership, and, as a recognized authority on China and Taiwan, he published numerous articles on U.S.-China and U.S.-Taiwan military relations.



Mr. Ross' civilian awards include two Secretary of Defense Medals for Meritorious Civilian Service awarded in June 1992 and June 1994. He is a recipient of the 2003 Meritorious Senior Executive, President's Rank Award.

As the Assistant U.S. Army Attaché to the People's Republic of China from 1983 to 1984, Mr. Ross played a key role in the opening of the U.S.-China military relationship. Mr. Ross' previous military assignments include service from 1979 to 1983 as a senior political-military analyst in the Directorate for Estimates, Defense Intelligence Agency, where he drafted and coordinated Defense and National Intelligence Estimates on China, the Soviet Union, and Taiwan. As a U.S. Army Foreign Area Officer from 1976 to 1978 he studied Chinese in Taiwan and traveled extensively throughout Asia. As a Military Intelligence Officer from 1973 to 1975 he served as the Chief, Counterespionage-Counterintelligence, Headquarters, 500th Military Intelligence Group, Hawaii, with responsibility for operations in the Pacific Theater. From 1970 to 1971, he commanded an intelligence collection detachment of the 525th Military Intelligence Group in the Republic of Vietnam. Commissioned a second lieutenant, Field Artillery, on June 14, 1966, from 1966 to 1967, he served as an artillery forward and air observer with the 9th Infantry Division Mobile Riverine Force in South Vietnam, flying more than 300 combat and combat support missions in O-1 and H-23 aircraft.

Mr. Ross' military awards include the Silver Star, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with "V" Device with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star. Mr. Ross was inducted into the Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame in May 1997.

Mr. Ross completed extensive postgraduate work from 1979 to 1983 toward a Ph.D. in Political Science in International Relations and United States Domestic Politics at The George Washington University, Washington, DC. He received his Master of Arts Degree (With Distinction) in National Security Affairs in 1979 from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science in 1973 from Quincy College, Quincy, Illinois. Mr. Ross is a graduate the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C.; the Defense Language Institute, Washington, DC; and the American Embassy School for Chinese Language and Area Studies, Taichung, Taiwan. He is both fluent and literate in Chinese. Mr. Ross is a 1962 graduate of Bishop DuBourg High School, St. Louis, Missouri. (July 2005)